IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koziel et al.

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For: Synthetic DNA Sequence Having

Enhanced Insecticidal Activity in

Maize

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-94 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted,

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